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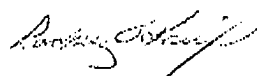
REMARKS

Applicants and the undersigned appreciate the Examiner's assessment of this application and gratefully acknowledge the allowability of claims 1-13 and 18-22.

Remaining claims 14-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(c) as anticipated by Wolff. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's concern, but patentably distinguish the present invention: Wolff discloses a plurality of force-measuring components, none of which provide vertical or horizontal references. Accordingly, Wolff does not anticipate the present invention. Claim 14 is hereby amended merely for purpose of clarification, in conformance with claim 9, and without narrowing limitation. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the lone rejection, with claims 14-17 proceeding toward issue.

This application is believed to be in condition for full allowance. Action consistent therewith is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone should any issue remain. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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